jumped out of a burning Suburban train at Bagajatin Station in the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway recently; and

(b) if so, what was the cause of the accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Four persons were run over and killed by a suburban train at Bagajatin station of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway when they jumped from the off side on noticing emission of smoke from a coach of EMU local SL 237.

(b) The cause of the smoke emission in the coach was due to rupture of cables carrying power current.

Private buses under D.T.C. Operation

2016. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted recently regarding the growing incidence of road accidents caused by private buses under DTC Operation;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the survey;

(c) whether it is a fact that in most of the private buses under DTC operation, drivers are required to ply their buses for 16 hours in a day without any relief; and

(d) whether the Delhi Transport Corporation has laid down any guidelines or terms and conditions to be followed by the operators of private buses under DTC operation regarding the duty hours of the drivers and the condition of the buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A recent study by the Delhi Traffic Police revealed that most of the drivers of P.O. buses under D.T.C. worked, in single shifts of 16-18 hours a day without any rest/relief.

(c) and (d) Section 65 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, stipulates that no person shall cause or allow any person who is employed by him for the purpose of driving a Transport Vehicle to work for more than 8 hours in one day. As per terms of the Agreement between DTC and the Private Bus Operators, the latter are required to abide by all the statutory provisions. At the time of engagement of the private bus, the operator is required to furnish particulars and copies of photographs of two drivers employed by him.

Development of sports in educational institutions

2017. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive plan has been prepared by Government for development of sports in the Schools and other educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives proposed to be given for development of sports in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) With a view to promoting development of sports in schools and other educational institutions including those located in rural areas, sports and physical education have been made an integral part of the learning process and will be included in the evaluation of performance as provided in the National Policy on Education 1986. Meanwhile, certian new schemes for promotion of sports in schools and colleges are already in operation and among these might be mentioned incentive scheme for promotion of sports and games in schools through prize money, the National Sports Talent Search Contest, the National Sports Organisation Scheme;